

MDHHS TO LIFT ALL RESTRICTIONS NEXT WEEK

On Thursday, June 17, 2021, Governor Whitmer's office [announced that all Emergency Orders](#), including the Gatherings and Face Mask Order, will be rescinded as of June 22. With the announcement, all indoor and outdoor settings will return to 100% capacity beginning Tuesday.

Other restrictions to be lifted include:

- Temporary restrictions for entry into congregate care and juvenile justice facilities
- Mandatory testing for MDHHS' juvenile justice facility staff
- Mandatory testing for MDHHS hospitals and centers staff
- Exceptions to temporary restrictions on entry into congregate care and juvenile justice facilities
- Exceptions to temporary restrictions on entry into certain facilities
- Safe housing for housing unstable individuals
- Handling of bodily remains
- Safe housing for Michigan homeless

According to the [MI Safe Start Map](#), Michigan's COVID-19 case rates, percent positivity, and hospitalizations have all trended downward over the last two months. Michigan is currently at 22.6 cases per million with a 1.7 % positivity rate over the last seven days.

GTCHD RESUMES FREE COVID-19 TESTING AT MAIN CAMPUS

Beginning Monday, June 21, 2021, the Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) will resume free, rapid antigen testing. Testing will be done in the back parking lot of the Health Department's main campus building located at 2600 LaFranier Road, Traverse City, MI 49686. Hours of operation are Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1 - 4:00 p.m. There will be no testing on Monday, July 5, 2021.

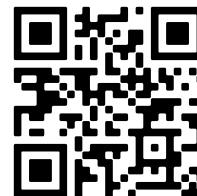
Testing is available to anyone regardless of symptoms and is done on a drive-up basis only. A doctor's order is not needed and there is no charge to be tested. Anyone that tests positive or is symptomatic will be offered a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test following the rapid antigen test. Tests are for diagnostic purposes (this is not an antibody test).

No appointments are necessary. Results will be delivered electronically (email/text) within two hours.

GTCHD NOW OFFERING RETURN "WINDOW" FOR SECOND DOSES AT CHERRYLAND LOCATION

Beginning Tuesday, June 22, 2021, anyone that receives the two-dose Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine at the Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) Cherryland Mall location (1700 S. Garfield Ave.), will now be offered a window to return for their second dose appointment rather than a set date and time. The change is occurring to make the return appointments more flexible for those receiving the vaccine in addition to maximizing the resources of the GTCHD.

Anyone receiving the vaccine from the Cherryland location will now be provided with a slip containing information regarding the change and a QR code that will direct them to the [GTCHD COVID-19 Vaccine website](#) which will have up-to-date clinic hours. Walk-ins for first-dose appointments will continue to be welcomed during all open clinic hours.



CHERRYLAND MALL VACCINATION CLINIC

At this time there are no additional off-site clinics planned for next week. Walk-in vaccinations for the Cherryland Mall Clinic (1700 South Garfield Ave.) for 6/21 - 6/25/21 are:

- Tuesday, June 22 from 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 23 from 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 24 from 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 25 from 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*All previously booked appointments for second doses will remain as scheduled.

THE DELTA VARIANT

The Delta variant, a highly contagious COVID-19 variant first identified in India is also known as B1617.2. The variant has become the dominant strain not only in India but also in the United Kingdom, where younger people are getting sick more frequently. The variant has appeared in residents of five counties in Michigan as of June 16. The Delta strain is estimated to be 40% more transmissible than the B.1.1.7 or Alpha variant, which caused near-record caseloads in Michigan earlier in 2021.

The transmissibility of the Delta variant should prompt any eligible American who has not done so yet to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. Preliminary data shows the Pfizer vaccine is 88% effective against the Delta strain.

CURRENT NUMBERS AND TRENDS

With only three cases reported over the last week, our 7-day case average is now <1. As of Thursday, June 17, there are currently 101 active cases in the county. One death was reported over the last week, a female in her 70's, bringing the total number of deaths during the pandemic to 90 for the county.

CASES SINCE 06/10/21	DEATHS SINCE 06/10/21	CUMULATIVE CASES	PERCENT POSITIVITY (7-DAY AVERAGE)	CASES PER MILLION (7-DAY AVERAGE)	COUNTY RISK LEVEL
3 ↓	1 ↑	6330	1.6% ↓	12 ↓	C

*arrows reflect an increase or decrease from the previous report

Additional statistics are available on the [MI Safe Start Map](#) and on the Health Department's [dashboard](#) and [Facebook page](#), which updates new case information daily at 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

With tourists arriving to the area for summer vacation and some events again opening their doors, it is difficult to tell who has been vaccinated and who has not; not to mention, children under 12 are not yet able to be vaccinated. It is still a real possibility that the SARS-CoV-2 virus and COVID-19 could spread. Transmission of COVID-19 in northern lower Michigan may also be affected by different and new dominant strains spreading in other parts of the world. The CDC and World Health Organization (WHO)

are still determining how effective the different vaccines will be against some of the newer variants.

VACCINATION NUMBERS IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

Overall Grand Traverse County continues to do well overall with the vaccination of everyone eligible (anyone 12+). Our current total cumulative coverage is 67.1% for the initial dose and 62.6% for completed doses.

COVID Vaccine Coverage by Age Group



*percentages include all providers, including Munson, local pharmacies, and other providers

DOSES ADMINISTERED AT GTCHD VACCINE CLINICS AS OF 6/17/21: 45,963 Total

DOSE	WEEK OF 6/14/21	CUMULATIVE (through 6/17/21)
Initiated	23	22,481
Completed	143	23,482

To find the latest statistics regarding COVID-19 vaccinations across the state, you can visit the MDHHS vaccine [dashboard](#).

TESTING AT CHERRY CAPITAL AIRPORT

Voluntary, free, rapid (antigen) COVID-19 testing is now available at Cherry Capital Airport for incoming travelers. The testing group will require proof of passenger travel on the day of testing (boarding pass or itinerary schedule). There is an approximate 30-minute timeline from registration to result. The registration and collection process takes 15 minutes, with results being emailed/texted to patients approximately 15 minutes after sample collection.

Below is the schedule:

Wednesday – 12 to 8:00 p.m.
Friday – 12 to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday – 12 to 8:00 p.m.

ABOUT THE JOC

Grand Traverse County's Joint Operations Center has been meeting to coordinate efforts and communication on the COVID-19 pandemic since Friday, March 13, 2020. Members include key community partners from health, government, first responders, education, social service, and business sectors.

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